

IDAHO BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 4/7/2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Donna Lynn Hatch - Chair
Dr. Alex Zamora
Jeri Perkins
Lynnet R Keeley
Virginia K Dickman
April Christenson

DIVISION STAFF: Kelley Packer, Division Administrator
Dawn Hall, Deputy Division Administrator
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Deborah Sexton, Board Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MDT by Dr. Donna Lynn Hatch.

The Board discussed out-of-state licensees providing telehealth to established clients during the COVID-19 emergency. Mr. Krema reviewed the Governor's Proclamation with members of the Board that would give them authority to waive requirements or allow temporary licensure.

Ms. Dickman made a motion based on the Governor's Proclamation regarding COVID-19 to allow temporary telehealth practice for licensed out-of-state social workers that have existing clients currently residing in Idaho. The social worker must hold a current and unrestricted license in another jurisdiction and can only help someone with whom they currently have an existing client/provider relationship. This provision will only be in effect for the duration of Governor Little's proclamation declaring the COVID-19 emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Christenson. Motion carried.

The Board discussed allowing supervision via telephone during the COVID-19 emergency. Mr. Krema said the Board had not received any requests at this time. The Board decided that any requests for supervision via telephone would be reviewed by the Board chair on a case-by-case basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dickman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 AM MDT. It was seconded by Ms. Keeley. Motion carried.

Dr. Donna Lynn Hatch, Chair